

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3 are amended by the present Response.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for entry and consideration of the Response filed November 30, 2004.

Entry of the present Response after Final Rejection

It is respectfully requested the amendments to the claims included in the present Response be entered and the remarks set forth below supporting the patentability of the pending claims be fully considered, because the amendments to independent claim 1 and claim 3 depending therefrom are made to clarify subject matter previously noted and discussed in the outstanding Office Action in item 2 at page 2, lines 19; in item 2 at page 3, lines 6-9; and in item 3 at page 3, lines 14-18.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments set forth in the present Response would place the present application in better form for appeal.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of FIG. 1 of the present application (herein "AAPA")

and Korean Patent Publication No. 2002-045110 to HWANG (herein "HWANG"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a "fixing member having a fitting protrusion formed unitarily and in one piece with the fixing member at one side of the fixing member," support for which is found in the specification at least at page 7, lines 2-4, 7 and 8, and page 7, line 24 to page 8, line 5.

As a result, instability of the glove box may be prevented when the glove box is locked, and the damper may be fixed to the fixing member without additional fixing parts. Further, assembly may be made easier, with reduced manufacturing cost of the damper assembly (see the specification at page 7, lines 18-23).

In contrast, FIG. 1 of AAPA merely shows a screw 16 attached through a hole in a fixing member 13, which is different from a "fixing member having a fitting protrusion formed unitarily and in one piece with the fixing member at one side thereof," as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted the screw of AAPA cannot properly be correlated with a "fitting protrusion formed unitarily and in one piece with the fixing member" (as recited in amended independent claim 1), because FIG. 1 of AAPA merely shows screws, which are typically formed of metal rather than a plastic material, and which are not formed unitarily

and in one piece with the fixing member 13 but are in fact discrete and separate from the fixing member 13.

Moreover, HWANG merely shows a glove box damper which does not use a fixing protrusion, and therefore also fails to cure the above-noted deficiency in AAPA.

In addition, amended independent claim 1 further recites, *inter alia*, that the damper has "a fitting piece extending from one exterior side thereof," support for which is found in FIG. 2 and in the specification at page 7, lines 7-11. It is respectfully submitted that the "support pin 9" shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 of HWANG is different from the fitting piece recited in amended independent claim 1, because the "support pin 9" of HWANG is enclosed by "a rubber damper body 10 fitted around the support pin 9." Therefore, because the "rubber damper body 10" is "fitted around the support pin 9," the "support pin 9" of HWANG does not extend from one exterior side of the "rubber damper body 10" and thus HWANG does not teach or suggest at least a damper having "a fitting piece extending from one exterior side thereof," as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted pending independent claim 1 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over AAPA and HWANG, and it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Amendments to the claims

In addition, claim 3 is amended to set forth the invention in a varying scope. Support for the additional features of claim 3 is found in FIG. 2 and in the specification at least at page 6, line 20 to page 7, line 1. It is believed no new matter is added by the amendments to claim 3.

Conclusion

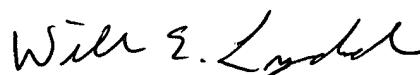
Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based on the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes he has now done so.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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